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**MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

Los Angeles River Center and Gardens

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July 3, 2007

Ms. Elizabeth Cheadle  
Chairperson  
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy  
5750 Ramirez Canyon  
Malibu, California 90265

**Grant Application - Proposition 84 Funds  
Preservation, Protection and Restoration of King Gillette Ranch**

Dear Ms. Cheadle:

I am pleased to present the enclosed application for grant funding for the preservation, protection and restoration of King Gillette Ranch, Calabasas. The MRCA requests a grant in the sum of \$500,000 from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84).

Please refer to the enclosed application for more information. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Lisa Soghor, at (323) 221-9944, extension 105.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael D. Berger'.

Michael D. Berger  
Chairperson

Attachments:      Application

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY GRANT APPLICATION			
<b>Project Name:</b> King Gillette Ranch Improvements		<b>Amount of Request:</b> \$ 500,000 <b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$ 500,000	
<b>Applicant Name:</b> Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority			
<b>Applicant Address:</b>  570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, CA 90065		<b>Project Address:</b> 26800 W Mulholland Hwy Calabasas, CA 91302	
		<b>County</b>	<b>Senate District</b>
		Los Angeles	
<b>Phone:</b> 323-221-9944 <b>Fax:</b> 323-221-9934		<b>Email:</b> Lisa.Soghor@mrca.ca.gov	
<b>Grantee's Authorized Representative:</b>			
Cara McLane, Contracts Officer		323-221-9944, x117	
<i>Name and Title</i>		<i>Phone</i>	
<b>Person with day-to-day responsibility for project:</b>			
Lisa Soghor, Deputy Executive Officer & Chief of Developed Resources		323-221-9944, x105	
<i>Name and Title</i>		<i>Phone</i>	
<b>Brief Scope of Work</b> (60 words maximum): Preservation, protection and restoration of King Gillette Ranch.			
<b>Funding Source Applied for:</b> Proposition 84			
<b>Narrative/Project Description:</b> <p>One of the most stunning locales in the Santa Monica Mountains, 588-acre King Gillette Ranch is situated in the heart of the Malibu Creek Watershed (Santa Monica Bay watershed), by the confluence of five major tributaries, and adjacent to Malibu Creek State Park. This scenic parkland at the lower end of the Las Virgenes Valley is a haven for larger mammals of the Santa Monica Mountains. At the same time, it offers a rare unspoiled view of California's rich archaeological, cultural, and historic resources, including a Chumash settlement, and nationally significant structures designed for razor magnate King C. Gillette in the 1920's by Wallace Neff, architect of California's Golden Age. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) manages the park in cooperation with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area unit of the National Park Service, and California State Parks.</p> <p>King Gillette Ranch opened to the public on June 30, 2007, mere hours after the previous tenant, Soka University, vacated the property. The extended presence of the previous tenant meant that MRCA staff was unable to fully assess the condition of all resources, or complete any visitor-serving improvements prior to the park opening. The MRCA is undertaking the management of King Gillette Ranch knowing that improvements to the existing facilities are necessary to provide safe and enjoyable public use.</p> <p>The MRCA has secured funding from other sources for initial efforts to provide necessary signage,</p>			

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fencing and basic furnishing for the public programs. However, there is much more work to do on the property to make it available for all manner of public programs and special uses. An ongoing facilities assessment already indicates that many of the buildings need repairs including roofing, plumbing, electrical and structural. Flooring, lighting, painting and other interior and exterior finishes need to be refurbished and replaced. Upgrades need to be made to provide adequate restroom facilities in multiple locations throughout the property and to provide improved ADA accessibility. It is anticipated that many small and simple fixes will be undertaken in all of the buildings. Several buildings are in a state of extreme disrepair. These buildings need to be stabilized to prevent further degradation.

The grounds need improvements as well. Roads and parking areas need to be resealed and striped. Ideal vehicular and pedestrian circulation plans for the property need to be identified and marked. Water and irrigation lines are old and in a state of disrepair, and plantings need to be refurbished. Courtyards around the Gillette Mansion need to be restored.

Some improvements also need to be completed at the Holiday Camp portion of the property and to the DeCinces House. MRCA staff needs to finish the renovation of the building to be used as a fire-training center at Holiday Camp. The roofing needs to be completed. Interior and exterior finishes need to be put in place. Paving around DeCinces house needs to be repaired. Some fencing may need to be installed adjacent to the building.

MRCA staff will do much of the planning work in house. Some outside consultants will need to be hired to fulfill some of the work. For example, licensed architects will be required to design some of the restroom improvements. While consultants have prepared an initial facility assessment for the property, more specific studies will surely be necessary as plans for repairs and upgrades are prioritized.

Pursuant to Section 75005(m) of the Public Resources Code, "Protection" means those actions necessary to prevent harm or damages to persons, property or natural resources or those actions necessary to allow the continued use and enjoyment of property or natural resources and includes acquisition, development, restoration, preservation and interpretation.

Pursuant to Section 75005(n) of the Public Resources Code. "Restoration" includes the improvement of physical structures or facilities and in the case of natural systems and landscape features other plant and wildlife habitat improvements to increase the natural value of the property.

The described project will allow for the continued use and enjoyment of property and natural resources and improve the physical structures, facilities, and natural systems and landscape at King Gillette Ranch.

The requested funding will be used to plan, prioritize, and implement improvements to provide a safe and satisfying experience for the public. The MRCA requests that the term of agreement begin July 9, 2007 and end no earlier than June 30, 2009.

<b>Tasks / Milestones:</b>	<b>Budget:</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
1 Planning and Design	\$ 100,000	June 30, 2009
2 Improvements	\$ 400,000	June 30, 2009

<b>Acquisition Projects:</b>	<b>APN(s):</b> n/a
	<b>Acreage:</b> n/a
I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.	
<hr/> <i>Signature of Authorized Representative</i>	<hr/> <i>Date</i>
Interim Form SMM-001	
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